

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on February 2, 2005  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. John Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)  
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Bill Warden (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Holly Raser (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing &amp; Date Posted: HB 72, 1/25/2005; HB 439, 1/28/2005

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 439**

00:03:29      **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. BRADY WISEMAN (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 439, Disallow double credit for foreign income tax payment.

**EXHIBIT** (tah26a01)**Proponents' Testimony:** None.**Opponents' Testimony:** None.**Informational Testimony:**

00:09:44      Dan Bucks, Director, Montana Department of Revenue

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:09      REP. BALYEAT

00:13:29      Dan Bucks, Director, Montana Department of Revenue

00:13:52      REP. BALYEAT

00:15:28      REP. COHENOUR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:21      REP. BRADY WISEMAN (D), HD 65, closed the hearing on HB 439.

**HEARING ON HB 72****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:12      REP. JIM PETERSON (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 72, Revise method of valuing agricultural land for property taxation.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:26:22      Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau and Montana Stock Growers Association

00:27:57      Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

00:29:32      Jon Stoner, Vice President, Montana Grain Growers (Farmer, Havre, Montana)

00:30:36      Ken Michel, Farmer, Denton, Montana

**Informational Testimony:**

00:32:39      Dan Bucks, Director, Montana Department of Revenue

[EXHIBIT\(tah26a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah26a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah26a04\)](#)

00:57:45 Miles Watts, Economist, Montana State University,  
MSU Agricultural Land Advisory Committee

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:04:32 REP. BUTCHER

01:10:39 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

01:10:52 REP. PETERSON

01:14:56 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

01:15:17 REP. PETERSON

01:16:13 REP. CAMPBELL

01:17:20 Randy Wilke, Montana Department of Revenue

01:18:01 REP. WISEMAN

01:24:14 REP. ROSS

01:27:43 REP. McALPIN

01:29:05 REP. FACEY

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:30:45 REP. JIM PETERSON (R) , HD 30 closed the hearing on  
HB 72.

01:32:13

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:35 A.M.

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REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([tah26aad0.TIF](#))**